

Makikihi School Community Newsletter

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Preparing children for success in life



TERM ONE: 2011.

Dear Community

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2011.

It has been great to see so many new faces at the school. We have quite a few five year old children starting which has boosted the roll to a very safe level to retain two teachers.

SCHOOL CAMP:

The highlight for the children this term was the camp. Both rooms went to Dansey's Pass for three days and two nights. This was a really amazing place to take the children. They went to Elephant Rocks, saw the setting for some of the shooting scenes for the film "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe", went to the Vanished World, went swimming, kayaking etc. etc.

The teaching topics for the term are fossils and rock art so the camp fitted very well with this. The children were looking for fossils in the rocks and found quite a few. At the Vanished World they "dug" for fossils. Very interesting.

The younger children coped admirably on camp with the help of the older children. A great experience for all involved. Wonderful parent help also. (See photos on back page).

The children also visited the Timaru Museum, the Te Ana Ngai Tahu Maori Rock Art Centre and the Duntroon Rock Art site in conjunction with this topic.

LIFE EDUCATION PROGRAMME:

The caravan visited the school on 22nd February. The lesson focus was on Food and Nutrition. Harold the Giraffe was very popular especially with the younger children. He was talked about for quite some time after the visit was over!

Jo Warner who has been the Life Education teacher for us over many years intends to retire after this year. She will be missed after doing such a wonderful job. She has always managed to keep children of all ages highly interested in topics covered.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

The Board continues to work at its role in effectively managing the school. Roxane Fenwick (Chairperson) is very approachable should you wish to discuss school matters.

ACTIVE SPORT:

Every week Jonathan Nelson, a representative from South Canterbury Sport, takes the children for lunchtime sport. Jonathan is a N.Z. representative in the Paralympics for hand cycling. He enjoys working with the friendly country children.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS:

The Makikihi children did very well at the sports. Mrs Nooy has been giving the children swimming lessons which has improved their style and speed immensely. All the children have been given "Swim Safe" lessons. They worked intensively in small groups over three weeks. The aim is to give the children confidence in water and how to behave safely in water settings.

TECHNOLOGY:

Four of our Year 7 & 8 students travel to the Waimate High School every Tuesday morning for technology. They all enjoy the "hands on" experience that the lessons require in the specialised classrooms which the High School offers.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING:

The school had a stall at the Strawberry Fare last December. Simon Hawke, whose role on the board is fund raising, did amazing organisational work to make the day a success. The total sum raised was \$1163.00. We are very grateful to Simon for his hard work. Tracy Johnson also donated a Gingerbread House for a raffle at the stall. Everybody wanted to win it!!! Thank you Tracy.

This term Simon donated corn cobs to be sold and Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cutler from Hook have also kindly donated pine cones. (See details below). Thank you all very much for your generosity.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS: (P.A.L.'s)

Jessika Williams, Keeley Armstrong, Briana Cain, Cameron Avery and Angus Wilson are Physical Activity Leaders in the school. They do a very good job organising games involving the younger children during some lunchtimes. The P.A.L.'s group is supported by Lee King from Sport South Canterbury. Lee helps with ideas, planning and encouraging comments.

SCHOOL BUS:

The school's bus zone boundary in the north is by Springbank Road and to the south, just south of the Waimate State Highway One turn off (Nosh). The school offers a "door to door" service including Woolshed Valley Road, Hunter district, Hook district, and has an agreement with the Waimate schools to pick up children in Waimate should families so wish.

Last December a second bus was purchased.

This ensures that the children are not travelling so long to and from school. We endeavour to pick and drop off children at their gate which so far is feasible.

Both buses are equipped with seat belts. Recently some more suitable restraints were purchased for the smaller children on the bus runs.

GARDENS/WAVE PROGRAMME:

Murray Facer works in conjunction with Linda Kenny co-ordinator for (Well-Being & Vitality in Education) and Andrea Meyer who cooks on a weekly basis with the children. The produce used for weekly cooking/baking sessions is mostly from the school gardens. Beetroot has been preserved, beans frozen, potatoes used in all sorts of dishes. If you have any interesting potato recipes, the school would be interested in receiving them please. Andrea is always looking for recipes which will incorporate the school's own produce.

ZERO WASTE:

The children and staff are working hard to reduce waste as part of the Zero Waste School Education Programme which is designed to conserve water and compost waste and recycle resources where possible.

SCHOOL FUND RAISERS:**CORN COBS:**

Corn cobs for sale \$6.00 per dozen. Cobs freeze well. Please place your orders at the school office, 6895587.

PINE CONES FOR SALE:

\$5.00 bag or 5 bags for \$20.00. Please place your orders now.

MUSIC PROGRAMME:

This term the Room One children have been focusing on elements of singing with Mr. Botting. They love it!! Room Two have been creating music with "Garage Band" (on the mac-book) and playing games to reinforce simple music rudiments. Congratulations to John Botting and Hilary on their recent marriage.

MAKIKIHI SCHOOL SWIMMING POOL:

The Ministry of Education has approved plans to renew the cover on the pool. The work is in progress at present as part of the school's ten year property plan. This means we can retain the pool as a useful functioning asset for the foreseeable future.

Thank you to those who have looked after the pool so well during the summer season. No reports of vandalism so this is great.

The pool will be closed for the winter at the end of the school term, 15th April. Please remember to return your key and get your \$10.00 refund. Hook people who have a key are asked to return it please and another key will be re-issued next season.

TERM DATES:

Dates for 2011 are as follows:-

Term 1 - February 7th to April 15th

Term 2 - May 2nd to July 15th

Term 3 - August 1st to September 9th

Term 4 - October 25th to December 13th.

NETBALL:

Northern netball's first practise is on the 8th April, 3.45pm at the Waimate Netball courts. We hope to see lots of enthusiastic players there. Opening day for netball is the 7th May and teams to be in by the 20th April.

Any adults wishing to play netball this season would be welcome. Any enquiries about netball please contact Andrea Meyer 6895558.

MAKIKIHI HALL:

If you wish to make a hall booking please contact Tracy Johnson, 03 6895557.

A big thanks to the few people who look after the community hall.

CAKES:

If you need a cake for any occasion such as wedding, 21st, birthday, Christmas, anniversary etc. please contact Tracy Johnson, 03 6895557. Tracy's work is outstanding. If you require a cake you need to place your order early.

MAKIKIHI COUNTRY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE:**(CWI)**

Several ladies belong to this group but they always welcome new members. The meetings take place every second Thursday of the month in the Makikihi Hall, 2pm mainly in the winter and 7.30pm in the summer.

If you wish to make enquiries about joining please ring Agatha Heerink, president, 03 6895869 for further information.

HOOK MOBILE KINDERGARTEN:

The Mobile Kindergarten is held in the Hook Memorial Hall every Friday morning from 9am to 11am. There are many welcoming parents and preschoolers ready to make new friends and share local knowledge.

For more information please ring Karen Skilleter, Early Childhood Educator on 6898961.

FUEL PROMOTION:

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a) You can sign up a direct account on-line.

b) You can charge bulk fuel purchases through either PGG Wrightson or RD1.

Makikihi School would be grateful for your support.

ADVERTISEMENTS:

Community members are welcome to use the community newsletter for advertising meetings or for any news items they wish to make known. Please contact the school office.

FOUND:

A ring was found in the swimming pool enclosure on the 16th February. This may be claimed at the school office.

I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter. It was encouraging to get so much positive feedback from previous community newsletters.

A special thanks to rural delivery men, both on No. 8 R.D. and No. 1 R.D. who deliver these community newsletters.

John Palmer.
Principal.



CAMP PHOTOS AT DANSEYS PASS

Makikihi School Vegetable Gardens



*Christchurch
Earthquake
Remembrance*



*New School
Bus*



*Life Education Health
Lesson with "Harold"*



Hook Kindy Visit



Potato Pie (WAVE)



